

"It makes no difference what New York allows, for New York is still in the dark ages so far as ventilation is concerned. Chicago is setting the standards for the country in matters of this sort and is doing it successfully. We don't believe you ought to sell goods thirty feet underground if you can get away from it. Every time you cut down the number of employes working under such conditions you are bringing about a public benefit."

Ald. Pretzel, although averse to discussing the proposed ordinance, expressed the opinion that in case of fire the people in the sub-basement would be drowned like "rats in a trap."

"Ald. Ray, Att'y Tolman, Kelly and myself made a trip of inspection through Mandel's yesterday," said Pretzel to a reporter for The Day Book. "The ventilation system in the basement would be good if the store kept it going all the time. At the time of our visit last night the air in the sub-basement was much cooler and cleaner than that on the first floor."

"The store has practically eliminated the danger of suffocation or of fire by automatic sprinklers, I believe. But another danger, even greater, remains. In the case of a fire on one of the upper floors the automatic sprinklers would be turned on, throwing off an enormous quantity of water in a very short time. This water would rush to the basement and as there is no drainage provided for that emergency the occupants would be drowned like rats in a trap. If an alarm system can be found which will eliminate this matter would be slightly improved."

Health Commissioner Young has announced he would go on the floor of the city council if necessary to fight the ordinance. It is understood that if the State street stores succeed in putting over the ordinance that sub-basements will become quite popular in the department stores.

"BATH TUB PARTIES" CAUSE FOR DIVORCE

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 10.—Bathtub parties and "rapture party" in Cleveland, which Marvin Beadle says were detailed in letters he found in his wife's trunk, caused him to sue for divorce today. Beadle says he found the letters tied with lavender ribbon. The Beadles have two children.

BIG GAIN IN U. S. EXPORTS

Washington, Feb. 10. — Phenomenal gains in Uncle Sam's export trade, especially commercial automobiles, cotton knit goods, woolen clothing and shoes, during December, were announced by the commerce department today.

Automobiles worth \$3,500,000 were shipped to France and England. France bought 74,000,000 pounds of sugar. Europe took 3,775,000 pounds of horseshoes.

SUES CARSON, PIRIE, SCOTT'E

An elevator accident in Carson, Pirie, Scott's one year ago led to the filing of a suit for \$10,000 against the store in the Superior court today.

The suit was filed by Gabriel J. Norden, attorney for Harriet Brodhay. Mrs. Brodhay, who is an elderly woman, was badly injured when she was jammed in an elevator door. Through this accident, she says, she has been rendered an invalid.

GRAB BIG LOOT IN RAID

A raid on an expensively furnished apartment at 205 E. 43d st. yesterday by federal agents brought to light \$1,000 worth of furs, a large quantity of opium, several pipes, two men and a woman. The woman was left in the flat. The men were taken before U. S. Commissioner Mason, who held them in bonds of \$10,000 each. They gave the names of James Salmon and Chas. F. Kirk. The woman is Mrs. Kirk. The officials have a hunch the furs are part of a \$20,000 robbery committed in Winnipeg.